



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Appl. No. :** 10/082,326  
**Applicant :** I. URATANI et al  
**Filed :** February 26, 2002  
**Title :** STORAGE SYSTEM  
**TC/AU :** 2141  
**Examiner :** K. D. Shingles  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 16, 2007, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**A Request for Continued Examination** and the required fee accompany this paper.

**A Request for Suspension of Action** under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of 3  
months and the required fee accompany this paper.